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1. Mezdra. This is a camp of Russians near the town and in the villages in the mountains; they come into town in civilian clothes, without weapons, and always appear to have large sums of money. Trucks are loaded from railroad cars at night and go toward Botevgrad Orhanie.
2. Vratsa. A small number of Russians in uniform, but usually accompanied by civilians, come into the town in trucks. They have been seen doing military exercises in the mountains near the Plakalnitza mine.
- Berkovitsa. Foreign wounded have been seen in the Monastery at Klisoura and in the surrounding houses; civilians arrive regularly to hold meetings and give talks to the wounded. During the past two months railroad cars have been unloaded into trucks which have been driven away into the hills.
4. Mihailovgrad (Ferdinand). Russians and Bulgarian soldiers have been carrying out military exercises in the surrounding hills during the past two months; rifle, machine-gun, and light artillery fire has been frequently heard.
5. Belogradchik. Groups of Bulgarian Communist Youth are being trained in the area by Russians and Bulgarian Army instructors.
6. Vidin. There is little Russian activity here; the former Headquarters here is greatly reduced in size. Russian telephone cables cross the Danube at this point; these are being constantly repaired by Signal Units.

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